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## Commissioner for Patents

The reply filed on 8/29/2007 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): While applicants have addressed the rejection of claims 1-13 and 16-19 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lamers et al (2002/0114955), and the rejection of claims 14, 15 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lamers et al (2002/0114955) in view of Vandervoorde et al ('256), there is no response set forth addressing the rejections of claims 1-13 and 16-19 as being anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by Lamers et al (2002/0086115), or the rejection of claims 14, 15, and 20 as being unpatentable over Lamers et al (2002/0086115) in view of Vandervoorde et al ('256).

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

  
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